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VOLCANO GETS BUSY FOR XMAS

People who intend making trips to the volcano during the holiday season are likely to find the Christmas fires burning brightly in the crater, according to L. S. Conness, editor of the Hawaii Herald, who arrived on the Mauna Kea this morning on a business trip.

"There is considerable activity in the crater now and the 'show' is well worth going to see," said Conness. "It is likely to be very active in a few weeks."

Conness says that the Big Island is quiet politically just now, and that little is heard about the governorship.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Closing quotations of Hawaiian stocks in San Francisco yesterday were as follows: Hawaiian Commercial, 34.25 bid; 35.75 asked; Hawaiian Sugar, 26 bid; Honolulu, 7 bid, 10 asked; Hutchinson, 18.25 bid; Kilanea, 12 bid; Onomea, 31.1/2 bid; Paauhau, 18.5 bid; Honolulu Plantation, 32 bid, 33 asked.

Prices rose generally when trading began on the New York Exchange yesterday, the largest gain being made by rubber. Railway stocks advanced until news came from Washington that the supreme court had ordered the dissolution of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific merger, when fluctuations in the Harriman securities set in and caused declines seven per cent.

On the 21st of this month the Campbell property on Emma street, now occupied by the Colonial Hotel, will be sold at auction by the James F. Morgan Co. The lot extends back to Punchbowl street and contains over three acres. It was the town residence of the late James Campbell and later of Samuel Parker, and is valued at \$50,000. Valuable furniture, paintings, statuettes, etc., will be sold on the same day.

A member of C. Brewer & Co., Ltd., is quoted as saying that losses amounting to three-quarters of a million had been written off by the corporation in the past three years. The losses came from unprofitable ventures in the sugar industry, including the American Sugar Co.'s plantation on Molokai, which was turned into a stock ranch on account of lack of water for irrigation. With its stock having a par value of \$100 a share, the last sale quotation of C. B. & Co. stands at 425.

WOULD STANDARDIZE CANE FACTORIES

In his report to the Planters' Association the chairman of the committee on manufacture of sugar and the utilization of by-products urges the need of the standardization of all cane factories. Mr. Deerr says in part, "A second suggestion that the chairman of your committee offers with all respect may be referred to as a suggestion towards the standardization of cane sugar factories. When passing sometimes on business and calling in on a mill the writer has not infrequently been asked questions relating to the capacity of certain units; except in extreme instances it is almost impossible to answer offhand whether such and such a unit is of sufficient capacity and when the writer has asked for information such as 'sq. ft. per ton of cane per hour' the necessary details are frequently found not to be available."

"The suggestion that the chairman of your committee wishes to make is that a detailed printed schedule be drawn up, covering all points of the sugar factory and that each factory should fill in this statement, expressing results per ton of cane per hour, or other convenient basis. From such statements standards for the best modern practice should easily follow and the executive of a factory on comparing results obtained in other mills could easily determine where any department was of insufficient power, or what is of equal importance, if any unit of machinery was not being worked to its maximum efficiency; for example, if in one mill an evaporator removes six pounds of water per square foot per hour and in another mill an apparently similar apparatus only accounts for 4.5 pounds per square foot per hour, the executive of the latter factory will at once want to know the reason, and, having located a weak point, experimental work should quickly effect a remedy, but until attention has been definitely called to an inefficient unit—and a scheme such as the one tentatively indicated above should allow of this—the inefficiency is likely to pass uncorrected because its existence is not suspected."

"In addition, if such a scheme were annually followed, a reliable basis for the preparation of reports would be afforded to the chairman of the committee appointed by your president. At the last meeting of the association your committee presented in their report an account of certain methods of heating and evaporation in common use in beet sugar houses and of greater economy than those generally adopted in cane sugar making."

TEN YEARS OF SUGAR-PRODUCING IN TERRITORY

Just how the Hawaiian sugar crop has steadily grown in its tonnage totals during the past ten years is shown in one of the statistical reports submitted to the planters yesterday by the association's bureau of labor and statistics. The report gives the ten years' totals for each of the plantations, with the totals by islands, as follows:

	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912
Hawaii	170,665	122,865	126,405	137,750	143,891	180,159	172,341	158,819	132,456	209,929
Mau	84,776	77,985	100,434	102,960	104,772	122,629	134,605	139,454	139,564	148,585
Oahu	121,066	102,019	123,095	113,750	119,273	137,913	138,423	128,648	133,133	139,712
Kauai	61,484	64,606	76,314	74,753	72,081	81,322	89,787	90,169	100,668	97,041
TOTALS	437,991	367,475	426,248	429,213	440,017	521,123	535,156	517,090	566,821	595,258

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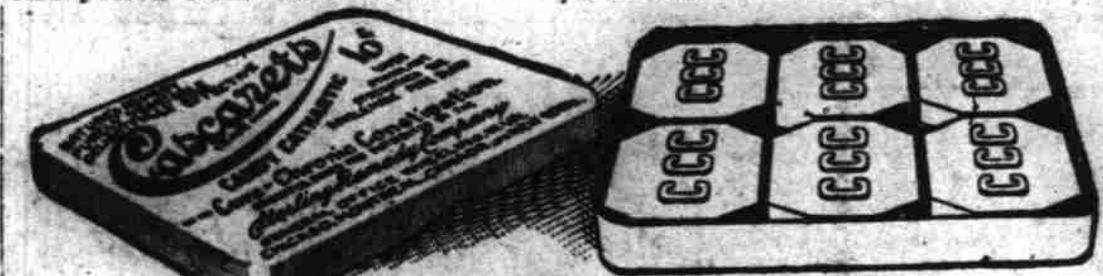
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Figures Show Huge Totals Of Last Year's Sugar Crop

Figures showing the crop of 1911-1912 were given at the sugar planters' annual meeting yesterday, showing that the territory produced almost 600,000 tons of sugar. Hawaii plantations gave nearly two-fifths of the total, the twenty-six plantations on the Big Island being credited with 209,920 tons. Maui comes second, with 148,585 tons from seven plantations. Oahu's ten plantations produced 139,712 tons, and the eleven plantations on the Garden Island gave 97,041 tons.

Hawaii	Tons
Olaa Sugar Co., Ltd.	22,941
Waikanae Mill Co.	14,332
Hilo Sugar Co.	13,872
Hawaii Mill Co., Ltd.	2,378
Onomea Sugar Co.	17,454
Pepeskeo Sugar Co.	8,009
Honolulu Sugar Co.	7,450
Hakalau Plantation Co.	17,116
Laupahoehoe Sugar Co.	9,087
Kaiwaka Sugar Co.	5,896
Kukalau Plantation Co.	2,021
Kukalau Mill Co.	1,347
Hamakua Mill Co.	9,461
Paauhau Sugar Plantation Co.	11,391
Honokaa Sugar Co.	8,259
Pacific Sugar Mill	7,001
Niihau Mill & Plantation	3,014
Halawa Plantation	1,902
Kohala Sugar Co.	5,979
Union Mill Co.	3,990
Hawi Mill & Plantation	9,453
Paukea Plantation	1,538
Puako Plantation	519
Kona Development Co.	2,570
Hutchinson Sugar Plant. Co.	8,002
Hawaii Agricultural Co.	14,938
	209,920

Maui	Tons
Pioneer Mill Co.	28,335
Olowalu Co.	1,707
Wailuku Sugar Co.	16,775
Hawaiian Com. & Sugar Co.	60,010
Mau Agricultural Co.	24,612
Kaeleku Plantation Co., Ltd.	4,949
Kipahulu Sugar Co.	2,197
	148,585

Oahu	Tons
Honolulu Plantation Co.	18,692
	139,712

Kauai	Tons
Lihue Plantation Co.	33,472
Ewa Plantation Co.	34,435
Apokaa Sugar Co., Ltd.	895
Waianae Co.	6,021
Waialua Agricultural Co., Ltd.	33,356
Kahuku Plantation Co.	6,524
Lale Plantation	1,200
Koolau Agricultural Co.	638
Waimanalo Sugar Co.	4,979
	139,712

Discussion of the report of the committee on experiment stations, at yesterday afternoon's session of the Planters' Association, brought out many facts from managers. Messrs. Watt, Renton, Goodale and others related the prevalence or otherwise of various pests on different varieties of cane, at different stages of growth and in varied climatic conditions. It appeared in some instances that like circumstances did not produce like results. Dr. Lyons and Mr. Agee of the experiment station staff answered many questions, referring in part to the surveys of cane made all over the islands. One particular pest had been found everywhere except on Kauai.

Secretary of the Interior Fisher has warned western power corporations that their licenses will be revoked if they insist on charging "all the traffic will bear."

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FOUR DIVIDEND PAYERS DECLINED

There was heavy trading between boards of yesterday and today in Pioneer, McBryde and Olaa, and a little in Waialua, Kahuku and Oahu, the four dividend-payers all showing declines. Waialua fell 1.50 from par, Pioneer shed 3/4 of a point, Kahuku one point and Oahu a quarter of a point. Hawaiian Sugar and Honokaa on the board held their own. Honokaa bonds fell off 1.75 in recess sales. Transactions in detail were as follows:

Waialua, 50, 15 and 10 at 98.50; Pioneer, 335 shares in five unequal lots at 25.50; McBryde, 505 shares in five unequal lots at 5; Olaa, 535 shares in six unequal lots, the largest 400 at 5; Kahuku, 10 and 5 shares at 14; Oahu, 10, 5 and 10 shares at 21.50; Hawaiian Sugar, 5 shares at 36.50; Honokaa, 30 shares at 8; Honokaa sixes, \$6000 and \$9000 at 100.25.



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